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(C) The DCM delivered reftel demarche to Spanish Director General for Foreign Policy Rafael Dezcallar on March 2. The DCM emphasized that consultation has been ongoing with Russia and that the defense system has neither the design nor the capacity to threaten Russia's nuclear capability. Dezcallar responded that a Czech diplomat had visited him March 1 and delivered an extensive briefing on the same topic, assuring that the program was completely defensive and unthreatening to Russia. Dezcallar said he had been puzzled by Russia's threatening reaction and had assumed that there must not have been sufficient consultation between the U.S. and Russia. He was relieved to learn that such consultation had taken place. Spain has no objection to the program.

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